Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Spinal cord injury resulting in some degree of paralysis is one of the most devastating disabilities occurring today and is commonly caused by vehicle accidents, falls, diving injuries, and gunshot wounds; and,

WHEREAS, Spinal cord injuries affect hundreds of thousands of Americans, the majority of whom are young males between the ages of 15 and 30; and,

WHEREAS, Many spinal cord injuries are avoidable, substantiating the need to maintain and further develop spinal cord injury prevention/education programs; and,

WHEREAS, The cost of care for treating spinal cord injury is increasing at a phenomenal rate; and,

WHEREAS, The months of May, June and July are the peak period for spinal cord injuries; and,

WHEREAS, May has been designated by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as a month of concern for informing the public of the dangers and consequences of spinal cord injuries, how to avoid spinal cord injuries and what to do if on the scene when such injuries occur:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim May 1989 as

SPINAL CORD INJURY PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to be aware of the dangers and consequences of spinal cord injuries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE